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Thanks for your continued support, and for helping us make history in Colorado!

Outreach Continues...

The Libertarian Party of Colorado was at **PrideFest 2015** in late June and there was an amazing turnout. We had a packed booth with attenders stopping to participate in *The World's Smallest Political Quiz* and talking Liberty with us! We were packed with wonderful volunteers, some who came all the way from Fort Collins and Colorado Springs to help promote our cause. We greatly appreciate all of the volunteers who dedicated their time on Father's Day weekend to help man our booth.



Our next event is coming up the weekend of September 25-27th and is the **21st Annual Chile & Frijoles Festival**. This will be an incredibly large event and we will need volunteers all the way until midnight (so you night owls be sure to sign up!) There will be live music, farmers markets, and of course chile roasting. Be sure to let us know when you would like to sign up for the booth. There will be snacks and beverages provided for all of the volunteers. Let's rally for this last outreach event of this season and have our booth filled with liberty-loving folks to reach the Pueblo crowd.

REPORT ON FREEDOMFEST: THE WORLD'S LARGEST GATHERING OF FREE MINDS

By Lily Tang Williams

In July, my husband John and I attended FreedomFest in Las Vegas. The theme this year was “Discover the New American Dream”. Needless to say, it was a very successful event, with hundreds of speakers and over 2,000 attendees.

I was honored to be their guest speaker on two panels: “American Dream” and “Lessons from Communist China”. The panels went well, especially the one on the main stage the first day. My experience on this panel along side another German Immigrant talking about American Dream was the first time I have addressed over 1,000 people at once. It was very exciting.

I told the audience I came to America for freedom and prosperity, and I have



achieved American dream. But I was worried that our country is going down the path of Socialism and tyranny; my kids might not be able to achieve their American dreams. I defended freedom and Colorado MJ legalization, encouraged people to vote for

Libertarians instead of one of the lesser evils. After that talk, there were about 40 to 50 people approaching me to thank me for being an advocate for liberty.

In total, I had eight interviews, including Breitbart.com, Free Talk Live radio, FreedomWorks, a FreedomFest Staff Reporter, and London TV from Adam Smith Institute. You can watch my interview with FreedomWorks [on Youtube](#).

The range of speakers was very diverse, including Gary Johnson, who still seems to be considering another presidential run.



Out of so many VIP speakers, I thought Glenn Beck and Alan West did a great job. John Stossel's show was fun, too. He interviewed Steve Wynn, John Mackey (Whole Foods CEO) and some other entrepreneurs. Although Donald Trump had many fans, there was one Libertarian woman holding a big sign "Trump is NO Libertarian" at the entrance before his talk. She got lots of media attention.



The Students for Liberty had a huge number of students and volunteers. I was told 50% of them are Libertarians. The students only needed to pay \$99 for the entire event while the regular price is \$495 per person, \$795 per couple. The Libertarian Party and Approval Voting had a booth. It was good to see LNC Chair Nick Sarwark, Frank Atwood and Blake Huber at the event. Reason Magazine, Cato Institute, Independent Institute, American Heritage Foundation and Atlas Society were some of the exhibitors.

My feeling is that the Libertarian movement is growing, especially among young people. I felt very encouraged and hopeful. The founder of FreedomFest told me that I was a hit and will invite me back as a speaker next July.



Election Watch: SOS Explores Voting Systems

By Jack Woehr
LPCO Campaigns Director

The [LPCO](#) is an electoral political party, Colorado's third largest and fastest growing political party. Its goals are defined by the [LPCO Constitution](#), its responsibilities are defined by state and national laws, and its activities regulated by the [Secretary of State of Colorado](#) and by the [Federal Election Commission](#).

Part of being an electoral party is paying attention to what is going on in the electoral system, lest what happened to Arthur Dent in *Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy* happen to us and our house and/or planet be demolished because we aren't paying attention to what local or galactic government is up to! With this in mind, your Campaigns Director has been attending meetings of various electoral committees at the Secretary of State's office as time permits.

The [Pilot Election Review Committee](#) is part of a very interesting effort taking place with regard to this fall's election. 10 counties will try 5 new election automation systems this November. These systems will handle all aspects, counting mail-in ballots, consoles for in-person voting, procedures, tabulations, data mining, etc. As you can imagine, the deadlines are very tight. Requirements include independent regression testing for each system, installation, education of personnel, etc. As of the latest meeting I attended on 7/30/15, 3 of 5 vendors had already passed independent regression testing.



The remaining 2 got their test data in just before the 3pm deadline while the committee was still meeting!

If the SOS certifies one or more systems in the wake of the experiment in November, no county will be compelled to adopt that system. However, counties which do wish to do so will be part of a statewide pricing offered by the vendors, which will be negotiated (one hopes firmly!) by the counties and the SOS office.

Technical questions remaining about the systems include Risk Level Assessment methods and richness of data processing capabilities. There has been some public comment to the committee, including recommendations that Colorado move in the direction of Internet voting. However, to date the Colorado Assembly has not authorized any such experiment.

I have to commend the courage of the counties and the Secretary of State employees charged with running this somewhat risky experiment in Information Technology requisitioning, implementation and deployment. If there are problems with the elections in those 10 counties, of course people will be pointing fingers in their direction!



Show Colorado Voters 10 Bumper Stickers A Day

You may have seen the numbers – over 32,000 registered Libertarian voters in Colorado as of June 1, 2015. (In 2010 there were only 12,000 registered Libertarians.) And 1060 newly registered Libertarians in the first four months of this year. That is 265 voters a month moving to Libertarian.

So what do these numbers translate into? Certainly more votes for our candidates, but also an opportunity to turn peoples' heads and change their minds.

If just 50% of Libertarians put a bumper sticker on their car/truck/bike, those 16,000 moving billboards would be seen by hundreds of thousands of other Colorado voters each day – on the interstate, on county roads, in parking lots.

To strive toward placing these bumper stickers, the Libertarian Party of Colorado (LPCO) has received a matching contribution of \$500 toward accomplishing this goal. Your part is two-fold:

1. Place a bumper sticker on your car/truck/bike or all three. Email fundraisingdirector@lpcolorado.org and a bumper sticker will be mailed to the address you provide.
2. Join others in contributing to the LPCO toward the goal of obtaining the



full \$500 match. Whether it is \$50, \$25, or \$5, it all helps. Mail it to LPCO, 2865 South Colorado Blvd., Suite 250, Denver, CO 80222, or go to www.lpcolorado.org/contribute-to-lpc and help on line.

By the 2016 election, let's show each Colorado voter 10 Libertarian bumper stickers every day.

Clint Jones Fundraising Director

P.S. I have talked to Libertarians who just want to be left alone. I understand that and still feel that way. But that doesn't decrease my taxes, it doesn't keep the NSA from invading my privacy, it doesn't keep government from sending people to wars predicated on a lie. Get involved. Push government back to its Constitutional limits. Join others and take this opportunity to be actively involved in the Libertarian Party.

Do you want to make a difference on the local level? Run for office!

We still need candidates for the following races, and we need supporters for these races. The next election is Tuesday, November 3, 2015. Several Colorado municipalities will chose their leadership during the upcoming November election. The following is a list of many of the seats that are open. **This is not an exhaustive list.** If you are interested in running for office, contact the city clerk of the area in which you live as early as possible. In addition to explaining the campaign rules for your municipality, the city clerk can provide you information regarding the Colorado Fair Campaign Practices Act.

Aurora – Aurora voters will elect three city council members, two at-large council members and mayor.

Arvada – Arvada voters will elect three city council members, one at-large council member and their next mayor.

Centennial – Centennial voters will elect four city council members, one from each of their four districts.

Greenwood Village - Voters will elect eight council members and their mayor.

Edgewater – Edgewater voters will elect four four-year term council members, one two-year term council member, and one two-year mayoral seat.

Englewood - Englewood voters will elect two city council members and two at-large representatives. Candidate

information packets for the election will be available beginning July 1, 2015.

Golden - This very important election with be for city council members. The website has not been updated, so contact the city for info.

Lakewood - Voters will elect one representative for each ward, as well as the mayor.

Littleton – The city clerk will update the website at the end of May to detail requirements for running for office. Petitions will be available August 4, 2015. For further information, contact the Littleton City Clerk's office.

Wheat Ridge – Wheat Ridge voters will elect four city council members in addition to their city clerk and city treasurer.

For more info about elections in your area, email Jack Woehr at campaigns@lpcolorado.org.

